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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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The cited documents were noted in the International Search Report (ISR) of PCT/JP00/00872. An English language copy of the International Search Report identifying the relevancy of each document is also enclosed.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,



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